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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT SPOKESMAN FINED FOR PASSING
INFORMATION ON "ALLEGED STRIKES" TO WESTERN NEWSMEN

1. ZYCIE WARSZAWY OCTOBER 24 REPORTED THAT LESZEK MOCZULSKI
(NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED IN THE ARTICLE, BUT A FREQUENT
SPOKESMAN FOR THE MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS, RUCH),
HAD BEEN FINED 3,000 ZLOTYS UNDER ARTICLE 140 OF THE
CODE OF MINOR OFFENSES FOR COMMITTING AN IMMORAL ACT IN
PUBLIC. ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, THE WARSAW CENTRAL
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ADMINISTRATIVE BODY FOR MINOR OFFENSES DECIDED
MOCZULSKI HAD "COMMITTED A BREACH OF THE NORMS OF
PUBLIC LIFE AND PUBLIC MORALITY" BY PASSING INFORMATION
ON "ALLEGED MINING STRIKES IN POLAND" TO THE "SUBVERSIVE
BROADCASTING STATION RADIO FREE EUROPE" THROUGH THE
WESTERN PRESS.

2. TRYBUNA LUDU OCTOBER 25 COMMENTED THAT "POLISH AND FOREIGN ENEMIES OF COSIALISM" WISH "TO SOW UNCERTAINTY AND INSECURITY AMONG THE MOSTLY NAIVE LISTENERS TO SUBVERSIVE RADIO STATIONS... THESE ENEMIES ARE NOT CONTENT THAT POLES... UNDERTAKE TO OVERCOME VARIOUS, SOMETIMES VERY NAGGING, TROUBLES WHICH ACCOMPANY THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT." THERE WAS NO STRIKE, THE PARTY PAPERS SAID, BUT THIS DID NOT MATTER TO THOSE TRYING TO STIP UP UNREST AT ALL COSTS. TL ADDED THAT THE PUNISHMENT LEVIED ON "SPOKEMAN" MOCZULSKI IS SYMBOLIC IN NATURE AND THAT "NO ONE EXPECTS THAT THE 'ADVOCATE OF TRUTH' WITH THUS BE REFORMED." ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, THE MAIN POINT LAY IN INFORMING THE BROAD MASSES OF THE SOCIETY OF THE FACT OF THE PENALTY AND OF "WHO TRIES, AND IN WHAT WAY, TO INFLUENCE THEIE MINDS AND HEARTS AND CONSCIOUSLY ACTS TO POLAND'S DETRIMENT."

3. ZYCIE WARSZAWY OCTOBER 25 COMMENTED THAT, WHETHER ON HIS OWN OR INSTIGATED BY SOMEONE ELSE, MOCZULSKI HAD TOLD THIS "NONSENSE" TO WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS ACCREDITED IN WARSAW. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PAPER SAID, "SEVERAL SERIOUS REPORTERS... 'BOUGHT'" THE STORY, AND GAVE LESS ATTENTION TO THE REFUTATIONS THAT WERE PRESENTED TO THEM.

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4. AN EMBASSY SOURCE, EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-INFORMED ON RUCH AFFAIRS, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER OCTOBER 25 THAT THE AUTHORITIES KNEW MOCZULSKI HAD PASSED INFORMATION ON THE SILESIA MINERS' STRIKE LAST WEEK TO DER SPIEGEL. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE THREE-MAN TRIBUNAL INFORMED MOCZULSKI IN ADVANCE THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAD DECIDED TO CHARGE HIM WITH A MISDEMEANOR AND FINE HIM 3,000 ZLOTYS.

5. COMMENT: NEITHER TRYBUNA LUDU NOR ZYCIE WARSZAWY MENTIONED RUCH BY NAME. NEVERTHELESS, THE ACTION AGAINST MOCZULSKI MAY INDICATE A RISE IN CONCERN OVER THE ORGANIZATIONS'S ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF THE REGIME, WHOSE POSTURE TOWARD THE MOVEMENT EARLIER SUGGESTED A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF TOLERANCE. END COMMENT.
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